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ELECTRONIC COMPONENT : **Mail Stop: Amendment**
PLACEMENT MACHINE AND
ELECTRONIC COMPONENT
PLACEMENT METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of August 11, 2004.

Applicants, by their undersigned representative, hereby elect the invention of Group II, claims 4, 5 and 9-11, which is drawn to an electronic placement method.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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